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GOD IS LOVE

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THE TRUTH

OUR CONQUERING VICTOR

O living splendors of the resurrection morn,
Thou didst God's wondrous truth adorn,
In glorious triumph and sublime tranquility,
Bringing to earth life from all eternity.

While Satan's host in hell held jubilee
Christ died to set the prisoner free;
From death He a conquering victor arose;
Thy truth divine life's pathway ever shows.

Thou didst triumph through grace divine,
Manifesting thyself as Israel's choice vine;
Thou the source of all mankind's help,
Thy foes subduing, God omnipotent reigneth.

While we await thy coming in clouds of glory,
By grace we'll tell redemption's living story;
That thou mayest receive thine own with usury,
Hold thou my hand, guide, and strengthen me.

—Editor.

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NOTICES

Evangelist Lois Cockerell is duly appointed State Superintendent of C. of G. Y. P. E. of Louisiana. If your church has no Y. P. E. you should inform Sister Cockerell. Have her come and organize one for you.

Mrs. J. B. Cole is State Supt. of Junior Endeavors. This is wonderful work, both the C. of G. Y. P. E. and Junior Endeavors. Pastors, let's do all we can to push this work. Sometime during the year we'll have a convention with the Endeavors.—J. B. Cole, overseer.

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There will be a dedication service at Bellton, W. Va., April 23. We will dedicate the last and most beautiful church Brother Harry Kipe built before passing out of this world, the only church of its kind. Its structure is of logs. It is very beautiful. Come on with your baskets and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. —Mrs. Edna Kipe.

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Cantwell district convention will convene at Potosi, Mo., April 28, 29, 30. Every pastor and deacon should be at this convention. There will be all day service Sunday, April 30, and dinner on the ground. Everybody welcome.— G. P. Gower, district Overseer.

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If any one wants my help or a revival, write me. I don't mind hard places. The Lord always helps me thru.—J. R. Nicholson, Rt. 2, Vardaman, Miss.

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Brother A. J. Butler began a revival in the Church of God tabernacle at Erwin, N. C., April 9. We request prayer that souls may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and that the meeting might be a great spiritual blessing for all who attend.—D. B. Yow, pastor.

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I expect to be engaged in evangelistic work the remainder of the year. I preach extensively on Revelation and prophecy. Any church anywhere that would like to have a revival and to have the deep mysteries of Revelation explained according to the official view of the Church, write me at once. You will find that a revival by these subjects will be very interesting, and they will be a blessing to your church and community. Write early for appointments.—Bun E. Hicks, 515 19th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

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I have the following songs for sale: "The Highway of Holiness," "Over There," and "Heaven," at whatever you want to give to assist us in getting a way of travel. We will appreciate the sales.—Your brother in Jesus, Lenon Easters, Rt., Box 14, Lenox, Ga.

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The Sunday School convention will convene at Lake Worth, Fla. the fourth Sunday in April which will be April 23. The services will begin at 10:00 o'clock. Everybody close enough come and bring your lunch. We especially ask that each Sunday School see that your superintendent, pastor, and teachers be there. As many can come as want to but we especially insist that the pastors, superintendents, and teachers be there. All Sunday Schools that are nearer to Lake Worth than to Lakeland please attend as there will only be two more conventions, one at Lakeland and one at Branford.—H. L. Chesser, State S. S. Supt., 937 N. Ohio Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

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The Jacksonville district convention will convene at Macclenny, Fla., May 12-14. We expect a delegation from all the churches in the district, and insist that all the ministers, deacons, clerks, S. S. superintendents and teachers, and Y. P. E. workers be present. We will be glad to have all who can come from the neighboring districts be with us. We expect a wonderful time. Let all the churches have special prayers for the success of this convention. Bring a basket full of good eats for Sunday dinner, which will be served at the church. The services will be as follows: Friday night, and three services Saturday and Sunday. Brother E. W. Williams will be in charge.—U. D. Tidwell, district pastor.

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The Church of God at Fredonia wants to know the whereabouts of Homer Patrick and Vera Patrick. Please write to Brother O. A. McBride or Mrs. Rutha Mitchell, Rt. 4, Emory, Tex.

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The Waycross district convention of the Church of God will convene in Waycross Gilchrist Park, April 14, 15, 16, inclusive. All the churches in the district are expected to attend. They are as follows: Waresboro, Offerman, Homerville, Bickley, Bachlott, and Satilla Harbor. We shall expect a large number from each one on Easter Sunday, April 16, and be sure to bring a well filled basket as we are planning an all day service with dinner. We also invite all the other churches from other districts. Come and enjoy this feast with us. Brother R. P. Johnson will be in charge. We shall look for you.—D. W. Mills, District Pastor, 716 Homer St., Waycross, Ga.

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Booneville district convention will convene at Oak Grove church, May 5, 6, 7. Brother T. M. McClendon, State Overseer, will be in charge. We invite one and all to come and be with us.—Rome Brous district pastor, Booneville, Miss.

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If there is a Church of God woman, or a man and his wife who need my help in the Lord's work I would be glad to hear from you at once. I am a single girl, 24 years of age, and have been preaching about five months.—Wilma Tolbert, in care of Mark Coggins, Speedwell, N. C.

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The Church of God at Gaffney, S. C., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: H. D. Bell, Jake Owens, Willie May Porter, Rena Owens, Emma Porham, B. D. Hamenitt, Bessie Jones, Kathleen Lawhart, Louise Stacy, Jannie White, Mattie White, Grace Teague. Francis Jones, Bonnie Griffin, Inez Orbenes, Vivian Sprodley, Jimmie Davis, Mattie Cabea, Estella Teague, Geonett Pinnington. If not heard from by next conference, their names will be dropped from the roll.—C. P. Mathis, clerk; C.W. Dempsey, pastor, Rt. 4, Gaffney, S. C.

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The Church of God at North Chattanooga, Tenn. wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Charlie Scruggs, Ella Scruggs, Lois Carden, Mrs. D. L. Cooley, Anna Dye, Elvia Goins, Virginia Hawkins, Laura Bell Henderson, Ora Horton, Minnie McCarven, W. L. McClure, Clara McClure, Esther Lee Watts, W. A. Wooden, F. B. Worley. Any one knowing of any of these, please let us hear from you at my address, 506 Spears Ave., or our pastor, E. L. Simmons, 407 Bell Ave. If not heard from these names will be brought before the church at our next quarterly conference, which is the first Monday night in July.—Harry M. Conley, clerk.

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To the pastors and churches throughout the State of Georgia: I feel impressed to make an appeal to you in behalf of our State Overseer. Let us as pastors take an offering on the last Sunday night in each month, turn it over to the treasurer of the church, and let him mail it along with the tithe report as there is a place on the treasurer's report for free will offerings. I don't know how many churches report regularly each month but if there are fifty churches and they would give 50c each that would give him $25.00 a month more to keep him on the field. I feel that he should not be tied down without funds to go on, besides this, it is embarrassing and humiliating for a minister not to get enough to meet his obligations. As for the churches I am trying to pastor, we are going to take up a free will offering on the fourth Sunday or Sunday night in each month. I trust the spirit in which I am writing this will catch hold of every pastor in the state, and this will prove the needed blessing to Brother Johnson.—Your brother in His service, D. W. Mills, 716 Homer St., Waycross, Ga. Notice my address is changed from 1610 Prescott St.

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The Second Annual Convention (general) of the C. of G. Y. P. E. (colored work) will convene at the Church of God Auditorium, Cor. 6th and Blue Sts., Jacksonville, Fla., April 16.—Peter C. Hickson, General President of colored Y.P.E. work.

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The Tuscaloosa district convention will convene at the Church of God at Kennedy, Ala., Rt. 1, (better known to some as Coda) May 5, 6, 7. Sunday is home coming day and I want everybody to come in remembrance of the great home coming day. I ask an interest in your prayers as this is the first home coming at our old home church that I

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
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The Land of Tyre and Sidon

By E. L. SIMMONS

BEAUTIFUL was the day of August 15, 1929 in that wonderful land that we know as Palestine. We had spent a very delightful night on Mt. Carmel and after visiting the Grotto of Elias and a hugh cave about half way up the mountain, which was pointed out as the place where the ancient school of the prophets was held, we were ready to leave by motor cars for a trip thru the land of Tyre and Sidon or ancient Phoenicia.

It is remarkable that in all the ministry of Christ He only left Palestine on one occasion and it was on that occasion that He healed the daughter of the Syrophenician woman, showing His willingness to minister to the Gentiles after being rejected by His own (the Jews).

Just below the road coming down from Carmel is a well. At this well we saw many very interesting native characters. The outstanding one was an Arab sheik riding a white horse. Our boyhood fancy was revived at the sight, though the Arabian steed was not near so fine as the ones that we read about at that time. We soon were passing thru the town of Hiafa and leaving the road took to the beautiful crescent beach that surrounds the bay of Acre. Then as we crossed the river Kishon our cars came to a halt and in the distance we were shown the mound on which (as tradition holds) Elijah slew the prophets of Baal so that not one of them escaped.

As we passed on toward the town of Acre it seemed that our driver became wreckless. I noticed the speedmoter was registering seventy, and as the road was sandy I became very much uneasy. I said as much to Dr. Lyman Denton who was sitting by me, and he informed me that he was feeling no better about it. After some discussion we decided that Brother Tharp who was sitting in the seat should try to persuade the driver to slow down. To our surprise our driver understood English and explained that we were not going seventy miles per hour but seventy kilometers, which is less than forty-five miles. Of course this somewhat allayed our fears and we were soon enjoying the beautiful drive.

Just before entering the town of Acre we crossed the Nahr Namein, anciently known as the Belus river. From the sands of this river the Phoenecians discovered how to make glass and it was probably here that the tear bottles used in Baal worship were made. The town of Acre is very small, only having about 6000 people, yet it was one time the chief commercial part of the corn country of Palestine. It is only mentioned twice in the Bible. In the Old Testament it is called Accho and was alloted with Ezzib (a town about nine miles farther north) to the tribe of Asher. The Ashurites, not having a navy, were unable to drive out the Canaanites however, and so it, with the other coast towns, remained in the hands of the heathens.

North from Acre we traversed a very beautiful and fertile plain. The wheat had already been harvested and the natives were busy at the threshing floors just as they threshed two thousand years ago, treading out the grain with either oxen, donkeys, or camels, which sometimes drew wooden sleds after them. Many farmers bring their wheat to one common threshing floor and in some places there are ten or twelve oxen "treading out the corn" at one time. Not only wheat is raised on this plain but a great deal of Kaffir corn is also raised. We saw hundreds of acres of this particular grain still standing in the fields and the heads were large and white.Then were we reminded of the appeal of Jesus to His disciples to look upon the fields which were white unto harvest. Perhaps it was a sight of this kind from which He drew the illustration. Not far from the road as we came near to Ezzib we saw an old aqueduct which still takes water to Acre. This is easily distinguished by the grass and bushes that grow in its crevices.

Passing out of the plain and up a very steep ascent we rounded a promontory called Ras— something, well, it is another one of those Arabic names, hard to spell and harder to pronounce. It means "The Pilgrims' ladder." After rounding this promontory we crossed the frontier between the British and French passport offices. All this is ancient Phoenicia and for forty miles north we were in the coasts of "Tyre and Sidon," so frequently mentioned in the Bible.

Four miles to the right of the road we were told that there is an ancient tomb. This tomb is still called in the Arabic "Qaler Hiram," or the Tomb of Hiram. This marks the resting place of that great king of Tyre who furnished Solomon with the "cedars of Lebanon" to build the Temple at Jerusalem. We are in plain view of the Lebanon mountains from this point. It is said that ancient Tyre was a territory of about twenty miles circumference. According to the Bible, history, and evidence found in its acres of ruins, Tyre was at one time a rich and powerful country. Her trade was extended to Persia on the east, thru the Mediterranean sea and on the ocean north to the British Isles. Many years before Greece or Italy had their regular governments, the Mariners of Phoenicia (according to Robinson) had established colonies in Cadiz, Carthage, and Marseils.

In commerce the tin and wolf skins of Europe met with the gold and silks of Tyre. The riches of Tyre, her magnificent buildings and her strong fortifications, were at that time a wonder of the nations. The height of her glory and wealth was perhaps about the time of the prophet Ezekiel in the early part of the sixth century B. C. In Ezekiel, chapters 26, 27, and 28, Tyrus (Tyre) is described as being rich, as having pleasant houses and strong walls. Her borders are described as being in the midst of the sea which was so said from the fact that the city was built on an island. Her navy was built of the oaks of Bashan and cedars of Lebanon, and the benches were of ivory from the Isles of Chittim. The sails of her ships were fine linen embroidered with blue and purple which was then very expensive because purple dye was only to be had from the Murex shell which is found along the Phoenician coast.

They of Persia and Ludd and Phut were in the army of Tyre. Tarshish, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and many others including the nations north, east, west, and south, are described as her merchants and as trading in her fairs in silver, iron, tin, brass, horses, mules, ivory, and all kinds of precious stones, then wheat, honey, and a multitude of other things. All these things made Tyre

by far the richest city in the world. At this time the king was lifted up in pride, hence the prophecy against the city: "And I will make thee like the top of the rock; thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon." This prophecy has certainly been fulfilled in behalf of the city of Tyre. Her harbor which at one time accommodated her powerful navy and perhaps hundreds of merchant ships, has been filled with acres of ruins and silt from the sea and the port now accommodates only a few fishing vessels of very light craft.

After crossing the Litany, or ancient Leontes river, we soon came to the ruins of Sarepta. This is a very interesting place though there is very little left of the old Bible village. We made examination of her rock hewn tombs with which the cliffs are dotted, and found in some of them bones of sheep or goats that had wandered into them and died.

The little village of Zarephath (Sarepta) is the place where Elijah sojourned during the severe famine of his day. Here it was that God provided for him thru the widow with whom he lodged, for as long as he remained the barrel of meal wasted not and the cruse of oil did not fail. 1 Kings 17:8-24. This incident was so remarkable as to be mentioned by our Lord in the New Testament, for said He, "But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, when great famine was throughout the land, but unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow," Luke 4:25, 26. As Jesus made His visit unto the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, it is very probable that He visited Sarepta and it might have been the city where He cast the devil out of the daughter of the Syrophenician woman.

Leaving Sarepta thru fields of Kaffir corn "white unto the harvest" we came after about a twelve mile ride to Sidon. The plain for several miles north and south of this city which is older than history, is very beautiful, being green with lemon, orange, banana, and mulberry trees. This makes a striking contrast with the surrounding country which is very arid and barren at this time of the year. Zidon seems to be a well watered plain from mountain springs and brooklets, hence the reason for such wonderful growth. Like other cities of Phoenicia, Sidon has a remarkable history. It is mentioned in the Bible as far back as Gen. 10:19 where it is mentioned as the northern border of the Canaanites. Much of the history of Sidon is equal to that of Tyre but there is too much of it here. We must mention however that from caves and tombs in the vicinity of Sidon came much of our ancient history. The sarcophagus of an old king of Sidon, the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great, which we saw in the museum of Constantinople, and a great deal of material connected with Baal worship and the religion of Ashtoroth.

As we pushed on toward the city of Beirut the shades of evening began to fall. The road runs close to the sea most all of the way from Sidon, which gave us a beautiful view of a gorgeous sunset as the sun seemed to dip into the Mediterranean, leaving an after coloring of red, yellow, purple and gold. In the twilight we passed thru extensive and beautiful olive groves and pine forest and finally to the hotel Continental in Beirut. Tired from a hard day's work of sightseeing we were glad for a place to rest our wayworn bodies.

(Next article, "Dog River and Baalbec.")

JESUS WAS OUR HONORED GUEST

As every one knows, the fifth Sunday in January was home coming day for the Church of God. The purpose of this great day was that each church might have a part in helping raise sufficient funds to liquidate debts at Headquarters. The Lord was so good to us on that day, praise His name!

We only have thirty-three members but they are on fire for Jesus and I thank God for them. We also have another church in our district known as Parkwood. They are doing a wonderful work for the uplifting of the kingdom. Both churches being small our pastor, Brother J. W. Shoemaker, and the pastor at Parkwood, Brother J. H. Adams, talked matters over with our state overseer, Brother W. W. Harmon, and permission was granted us to come together on that day. This pleased the saints very much as we have been coworkers in revivals and learned to love each other. The Parkwood saints were also the first ones to bring this true gospel our way. Therefore, we hold special love in our hearts for them.

We left our church about nine-thirty and got to Parkwood in time for Sunday School. The classes were large and the lesson was brought out very clear. Every one seemed to enjoy the Sunday School hour for Jesus was our honored guest. Yes, He spent the day with us, bless His dear sweet name! After the choir sang several spiritual songs a duet was given us by two of the sisters. The welcome address was brought to us by Brother Adams. I am sure after his talk every one felt at home as they always do in the Church of God. At eleven-thirty Brother J. W. Shoemaker delivered a wonderful sermon. After this true message was brought forth with such mighty power every one seemed more eager to press the battle on. Oh, how the Lord did bless. Praise His holy name! About one o'clock we were dismissed.

Dinner was served on a long table just a few feet from the church. Brother Stone returned thanks, then every one helped themselves for we surely did have lots of nice things to eat. We just want to thank God more for the many blessings He bestows upon us.

At two-thirty we entered into service again. We had with us a number of saints from Marvel, Ala. and in this number was Brother Andrew Reed, a young minister, just bubbling over with the love of Jesus. He was called on to lead praise service. The mighty power of God fell and we really had a feast from the glory world. After every one had testified to the glory of God Misses Smith and Knowlen sang "There's no Disappointment in Heaven." Oh, what joy this song brings to our souls because it is true.

Another feature of the evening was a duet, "The Lily of the Valley," sung by Sisters Aretta and Margaret Cloudus which was enjoyed very much. Then came the climax of our gathering, the taking up of the offering, and what a blessing we did receive. It makes us understand what the Bible meant by saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Every one seemed to enjoy this part of the service as well or better than any other. The offering speaks for itself which was four dollars. We want to thank the Lord again for the way He blessed us throughout the day.

The evening sermon was brought to us by Brother Andrew Mills, former pastor of Parkwood. He spoke on "The Resurrection." His message seemed to touch the heart of every one. Oh, we need more true children of God to go out on the battlefield for Christ for as we look around and see the fields that are ripe and ready for harvest it makes us know that Christ is soon coming. The last number of the day was a short but interesting talk by Brother Stone on "He was led by the Holy Ghost." I thank God for the food He prepared for my soul and for the joy I received here this great home gathering day. I may never see these dear saints and friends here in this world again but by the help of God I expect to meet them on the sweet banks of deliverance. Every one pray that these churches will grow for the glory of God, also pray that the writer will soon be baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and ever be true to our blessed Savior.—Your sister in Christ, Bonnie Cloudus.

SAINTS STILL GOING ON WITH THE LORD

We returned to our old Kentucky home almost a year ago near the Church of God at Bernard and found the saints still going on with the Lord with Sister Mary Thomas as leader. She is our leader this year. She gives us real soul food. We had home coming meeting the first Sunday in February. The Lord was present with us in much power and love. Brothers Russell Huff, Flotus Coffey and Daniel Turner of Cincinnati were with us and gave out the gospel which did our hearts good. Some said they never heard such good preaching and some said they could sit all night or day and listen to the Word. Some are seeing the Church who never saw it before in the Bible.

The Sunday School is just fine. We have good attendance for a country school. I have the Young People's Class with thirty-eight on roll. Pray for us at Bernard church.—Mrs. J. H. Bernard, Russell Springs, Ky., Rt. 2.

The Resurrection

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

AS the Easter season approaches the air and human spirit is filled with and influenced by the presence and fact of Easter as connected with the resurrection of Christ. Not that Easter Sunday was the day on which He arose, for indeed the name Easter was that of "a Teutonic goddess to whom sacrifice was offered in April." That name was therefore transferred to the paschal feast, which has caused the resurrection of Christ to be identified with the feast of Easter. The use of the name Easter as connected with the resurrection of Jesus is therefore not Christian, but by custom and usage it has been purified in its meaning as originally applied so that it now means among Christians one thing and that to denote the time of the resurrection of Christ.

THE FACT THAT CHRIST AROSE

The Christian is not so much concerned with the name applied to the feast connected with or celebrated at or about the time of the resurrection of Christ, but alone in the fact that He arose.

THE VOICE OF HISTORY

"The Jewish Christians in the early church continued to celebrate the Passover, regarding Christ as the paschal lamb, and this naturally passed over into a commemoration of the death and resurrection of our Lord, or an Easter feast." The Jewish Christians fixed the date of the Passover feast as regulated by the paschal moon. According to such reckoning it "began in the evening of the 14th day of the moon of the month of Nisan without regard to the day of the week, while the Gentile Christians identified it with the first day of the week; i. e., the Sunday of the resurrection, irrespective of the day of the month. This later practice finally prevailed in the church, and those who followed the other reckoning were stigmatized as heretics. But differences arose as to the proper Sunday for the Easter celebration, which led to long and bitter controversies. The Council of Nice, 325 A. D., decided that it should be on Sunday, but did not fix the particular Sunday. It was left to the Bishop of Alexandria to determine, since that city was regarded as the authority in astronomical matters and he was to communicate the result of his determination to the other Bishops.

"But this was not satisfactory, especially to the western churches, and a definite rule for the determination of Easter was needed. By some it was kept as early as March 21, and by others as late as April 25, and others followed dates between. The rule was finally adopted, in the 7th century, to celebrate Easter on the Sunday following the 14th day of the calendar moon which comes on, or after, the vernal equinox which was fixed for March 21. This is not always the astronomical moon, but near enough for practical purposes, and is determined without astronomical calculation by certain intricate rules adopted by ecclesiastical authority. These rules involve the Dominical letters, or the first seven of the alphabet, representing the days of the week. A standing for the first day of the year and the one on which Sunday falls being called the Dominical for that year. There are also involved the Golden Numbers and the Epacts, the first being the numbers from 1 to 19, the cycle of the moon when its phases recur on the same days of the year, the first of the cycle being that in which the new moon falls on January 1. The Epacts indicate the moon's age at the beginning of each year. Easter was thus fixed by these rules, but another difficulty arose when the Gregorian calendar was adopted in 1582, the difference between it and the Julian being then ten days. This of course affected the determination of Easter, and its celebration by the Greek church, which has never admitted the Gregorian calendar, occurs usually at a different time from that followed by the western churches. This difference may be as much as five weeks and it may occur as late as April 30, but in the West it cannot occur later than April 25 nor earlier than March 22. Occasionally the two come together but this is rare, since the difference between the two calendars is now thirteen days. The Easter feast has been and still is regarded as the greatest in the Christian church, since it commemorates the most important event in the life of its Founder."—H. Porter.

CHRIST TRIUMPHANT OVER DEATH

We are not so much concerned with the origin and name of Easter, nor yet the cavil that has surrounded the impractical usage of the day itself. We are however, grateful and deeply interested in the fact that He arose from the dead. We do not therefore celebrate Easter with any view or purpose other than as by its occurrence we are reminded of the fact of a living Saviour who is victor over death itself.

THE VOICE OF SCRIPTURE

From the Apostle Paul in his writings unto the Corinthian church, we learn that the fact of Christ's victory over death had "first" place in his ministry. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he arose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remaineth unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as one born out of due time," 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Those here mentioned, unto whom Christ appeared after His resurrection, are of course those who were able to say by the vision of their own eye that Christ was alive from the dead. However, the apostle does not only call to record those whom he mentioned in the above verses, but he asserts that according to the scriptures Christ died for us and that He arose again the third day. The passages to which he refers are perhaps Isa. 53:5-8; Dan. 9:26; Psa. 22; Zech. 12:10; Ps. 16:10; Jonah 2:10; Matt. 12:40; Matt. 16:4; Acts 2:31; 13:34. The resurrection in the light of the foregoing was a prophetic truth, which when fulfilled became the fact that established such records as bonified and inspired. The resurrection comes not only as a means of fulfillment of the sacred scriptures, but as the hope and means of God whereby He had planned to reassure and restore the creation.

THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

In John 14:9 we learn from Christ the following promise: "Because I live ye shall live also." The basis therefore on which the redeemed saint may expect to live again, is none other than the fact that Christ is Himself alive. As one is now a present, as well as a historical fact, even so will the resurrection of those who belong to Christ become a fact in its time and order. In Rev. 1:18 He is seen in communion with John on the Isle of Patmos, and leaves with His waiting servant the solemn declaration, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." We are taught in 2 Cor. 15:20 that, "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." Matt. 27:51-53; Lev. 23:10. The resurrection of Christ, and His power over death has given the Christian a hope that is invincible. Accordingly it is affirmed by Paul that, "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them that sleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we be ever with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:14-17. That God might destroy His enemies He sat Christ at His own right hand. Heb. 1:13. "For He must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet." 1 Cor. 15:25. "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." V. 26. "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O

grave, where is thy victory?"

THE EVIDENCE OF THE RESURRECTION

These are more than we can enumerate. The multiplied millions of dying saints that have testified of Christ as their personal Savior are a long flowing river of witnesses that have come down to us through the times. Every church building and religious institution is a witness to the one indestructible fact of the resurrection. The many outstanding cases of miraculous healings that have occurred during our own times and within our own ministry are likewise an attested fact of Christ's resurrection, that He lives and works His mighty miracles as the gospel has so declared.

PRAYER AS AN EVIDENCE

To the Christian none of the theophanies of God, to apostles or prophets, nor yet to themselves, bring greater evidence of the resurrection than does the avenue of prayer, thru which the whole of the Christian church has melted down in thanksgiving and gratitude for their sins forgiven and God's many and mighty blessings upon them bestowed through His mercy while in prayer. The fact that He lives is intact to the child of God, that comes to him in earnest prayer, who as a result is restfully vivified and exuberantly blessed and overjoyed. To speak that holy name of Jesus in prayer, and have the answer of unspeakable joy in reply as a witness that He "ever liveth," is a fact that is too mighty for men or devils to dispute.

HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

Not only do we have the prophetic voice of the scriptures themselves that acclaims the fact of His resurrection, but with these coincides the voice of secular history. The whole world acknowledges either by scripture or by the knowledge of history that Christ died and rose again. That is, that part of it that has been enlightened by divine grace, to which may be added many millions who have not accepted His grace, but do so regard and treat the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a fact.

THE VOICE OF THE TIMES ARE AN EVIDENCE

The sacred scriptures that have told us of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, do also themselves tell of us of the very disastrous times in which we now live. If we may find the Word of God impregnated with inspired truth with regard to the times and conditions of this present world, as we do have it, we have a right to accept the other on the same basis of fact. Unexpected to the world He will come. Let us so strive to live that we may be ready for the Epiphany.

Prayer Life

By CHARLES E. NEAL

EMPHASIS in this message shall be placed upon prayer. Whole continents have been affected by men who prayed. No greater power can be conceived than that which comes through prayer. We may look at the Bible for a few examples of men who prayed. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Nehemiah, and Daniel were men of prayer, and their prayers marked turning points in the history of nations. We have only to study their lives to note how mighty they were in prayer and to know what great things were accomplished in their generation, because they were men who had a hold on God.

The most impressive part of Christ's ministry is His prayer life. Most of all His public deeds of any consequences were preceded by fervent prayer. When He arrived at a time in His ministry and it became necessary to choose men who were to become His disciples we find Him spending the entire night in prayer in the mountains. The selection of men who should have the necessary qualifications to continue His work after His departure was no small responsibility and so we find Him with His Father in prayer the entire night. The next morning with the dew of heaven fresh on His soul and the complete approval of God upon Him, He comes down to make His choice among men. It was a great responsibility and He no doubt felt the need of the Father's assistance in making His choice.

Again we find Him standing by the side of the tomb in the presence of death and before He commands the dead to come forth He utters a prayer. Regardless of the great need of immediate action He always took time for prayer.

Before His trial and entering into the Garden of Gethsemane, also before His betrayel, He is in earnest prayer. As a result of His prayer He reaches the point where He is willing to be submissive to the Father in all things, and says, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." We may follow Him still further and we shall find that just before He expired on the cross He prayed saying, "Into thy hands I commend my spirit." Should there be no more devout prayers, this should be enough to convince us that it is highly necessary to be in prayerful communion with our Father often.

By instinct all people who are born again and are spiritual minded have a desire to have a closer walk with God. They crave a closer intimacy with Him. Without a closer intimacy it will be impossible to come with confidence believing He will hear us. The more often we commune with and associate with people the more intimacy we feel with them (the more often we frequent the secret prayer room) so it is with the Lord. To know Him intimately we must be with Him frequently. The more we are in touch with Him the better knowledge we shall have of His dealing with us. As we become more and more to know He is vitally interested in us and to realize an increasing amount of His power we shall really be able to exercise more and more the spiritual gifts. As we have more and more of the gifts we shall have a greater influence on others and a greater victory in our own lives. The question arises in our mind as we are brought to this point—What are some of the things that hinder the full life of power? We are supposed to have it.

Possibly the greatest hinderance to a full developed life of spiritual power is *indifference*. We may be entirely sincere, yet there are so many things in this day and time that have a tendency to devert our minds that sometimes it is hard to make ourselves come to a realization that we are neglecting to pray as we should. I can't believe that we wilfully neglect the spiritual part of our nature but the domestic duties and responsibilities affect our prayer life and it is only with the greatest persistence that we can maintain that life of devotion that is so necessary to a life of prayer. About the most noticeable result of this indifferent life is *lukewarmness*—we become neither cold nor hot — or rather we become a passive Christian and we have a hard time to keep an interest in the services, and become indifferent as to our refuge that we have in God's grace. Then we begin to find the most unreasonable excuses for not coming to services, and are likely to develop a fault-finding and criticizing spirit. Things just don't suit us and we begin to see things in others through colored glasses. We are in the way that seems right but will lead to spiritual death, yet we may be honest in our conception of things. When a Christian has reached this stage it is quite easy to drift off into the world. He may lose his sense of manner, of dress and conduct. And if this state continues he will find his life confused and he can not discern the line between a real Christian and the world. Naturally pride comes in our heart when the grace of God leaves and it's only a question of time when we will be back in the world, all except our profession. That is what is the matter with the churches today. There is not the line of distinction drawn between the Christian and the world.

Christians are becoming confused; they are being deceived by the enemy, so that many have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. When one reaches this state he is in a deplorable condition. It will take something out of the ordinary to arouse him out of the snare of the enemy. The devil must have a great deal of delight in seeing so many slumbering professors. They are surely bound for eternal destruction unless they are rescued by the power of God. To escape this sad doom, which will be a part in the lake with unbelievers, sorcerers, abominable, the fearful, mur-

derers, idolaters, and all liars, where the fire is kindled with brimstone, let us resort to secret prayer. Jesus said in the sermon on the mount, "Enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father which seeth in secret, and thy father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." We should make much of secret prayer. It does not help God to hear us any better but it prepares us to receive an answer to our prayers. Jesus said again, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

The Cross

Blest they who seek
While in their youth
With spirit meek
The way of truth.
To them the Sacred Scriptures now display
Jesus as the only true and living way;
His precious blood on Calvary was given
To make us heirs of His in Heaven,
And on earth the child of God was placed
For glorious blessings of His saving grace.
For us He freely bore
That awful suffering;
For us He wore
The thorny crown;
Nailed to the cross,
Endured the pain
That His life's loss
Might be our gain.
Now haste to choose
That better part
And do not refuse
The Lord your heart
Lest He declare,
"I know you not,"
And deep despair
Should be your lot.
Now look to Jesus, who on Calvary died,
And put your trust in Him who was crucified.
—Sent in by Sister W. R. S. of Sulphur Springs, Fla.

PRESENCE OF THE LORD FELT IN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our Ft. Worth district convention and preachers' meeting convened at Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 27-29 with a large delegation of both ministers and laity. The first service opened with the sweet presence of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. After songs and prayer and Scripture reading by Brother J. C. Coats, overseer, Brother R. E. Blackwood, pastor, gave the welcome address which made each of us feel very much at home. Responses were given by Brother J. M. Kile and Sister S. J. Wood. Brother J. E. Douglas brought an interesting message on "Close of the Gentile Age" which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning service began at ten-thirty with the presence of the Lord there. A short talk was given by the overseer. We had a message by Brother O. B. Bolton on "The Gospel" after which we had a good song. Then Brother John Sharp brought forth a message. These messages were greatly enjoyed by all.We had a good testimony service and the blessings of the Lord came down in a wonderful way. Saturday afternoon we opened service with songs and prayer. The presence of the Lord was with us in a wonderful way. There were twenty-three ministers present. Brother Coats brought forth a message on "Workers Together with God, United Ministry." At four o'clock we had Bible study with Brother Wood teaching the class. Saturday night we had songs, prayer and here God gave us a real spiritual feast. God really drenched our souls with a downpour from heaven. A testimony service followed conducted by Sister Scarbrough, and how the glory did come down was wonderful and marvelous. It seemed we were so knit together by the love and power of God. The unity which prevailed is unexpressable. After this Brother A. S. Eason brought forth a message on "The First Resurrection and Christ's Reign on Earth."

Sunday morning at ten o'clock services were opened with songs and prayer. A message was then given on "Sunday School" by our state superintendent, Brother H. N. Bridges. The Ft. Worth church represented with a song "Do you know Him?" We had a sermon by Brother Wood on "Two Houses, Two Characters, Two Appointments." This was a wonderful sermon. It was given in power and was greatly enjoyed by all. Sunday evening the other churches of the districts were represented and the financial report read. Short talks were given by the writer and Sister S. J. Wood on Willing Workers. After this we had a short talk by Sister Iredell Walker, state president of Y. P. E. and a short talk by Brother John Moore for the young folks. Sunday night we had songs, prayer and praise service conducted by Brother Lane. At this time the glory of God came down in a way that it would be impossible for those present to tell or write, it was too wonderful to even try to explain. Afterwards Brother S. C. Chambers, state evangelist, brought forth a wonderful message on "Tithes, or the Broken Wing Bird." To say this was a wonderful convention would be putting it very mild. This was wonderful and glorious to enjoy.—Humbly your sister, Mrs. J. C. Coats, Box 285 Weatherford, Tex.

JONES CHAPEL, ALA. STILL ON FIRE FOR GOD

I am so thankful that this evening finds me still on the firing line for Jesus. I praise God for His wonderful blessings and for full salvation. I know I have the right kind of salvation because Paul says in Rom. 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." That is why I have joy and peace in the Holy Ghost.

I am so glad that the church here at Jones Chapel is still on fire for God. Jesus is wonderfully blessing us. Our pastor is Brother M. J. Headley whom we all love and appreciate. Brother and Sister Headley and little girls were with us last first Saturday night and Sunday and God certainly did bless us. Brother Thearmon Pearson from Pine Grove and Brother Lowell McCoy from Helican were also with us.

Surely God was on the scene. Two messages were given by the Holy Ghost thru Brother Pearson and interpreted by Brother Headley. Brother Headley brought forth two soul-stirring and soul-filling sermons.

God surely was with us Wednesday night in our choir practice. A message was given out and interpreted by Brother Thurston Rogers. We just want Jesus to get honor and glory out of lives. We just need to stand foursquare for the Bible. We need more Pauls in the world today; preachers who will preach the Bible with no other purpose in mind but to please God and win lost souls. Preachers should preach the Bible and strive to win souls and a true Church of God member will pay his tithes as God blesses him.

Saints everywhere, pray for the church at this place that we might grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord. Pray for me to be a soul winner for Christ.—A sister under the blood, Miss Dovie Sandlin, Rt. 3, Vinemont, Ala.

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.—John 8:31, 32.

Blest Eastertime

By MRS. J. B. RUDD

In infinite wisdom, in accord with God's plan,
Our Lord came to earth in the likeness of man;
The Infant Christ Jesus, born in Bethlehem,
Was heralded by angels as the Saviour of men.

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He went to the temple which was decked with pure gold,
And did His first preaching when twelve years old;
He grew up to manhood, was baptized and then
He preached the glad tidings to the children of men.

But the Jews would not have Him, rejected their Lord,
Despised and abused Him, would not heed His Word;
He was brought before Pilate in trial unfair
And falsely accused by the angry mob there.

They smote Him, they scourged Him, they spit in His face;
For our sakes He bore all this shame and disgrace.
They crowned Him with thorns and the purple He wore;
Pilate wished to release Him, the Jews raged the more.

"Crucify Him," they cried. "Our King He'll not be."
And they ushered Him forth to the Mt. Calvary.
But He, counting all of earth's fame but dross,
As a lamb that was slain He was nailed to the cross.

With blood streaming from both His hands and His feet
He hung suffering there; then in voice low and sweet
He spoke His last words, "It is finished," then died;
And a soldier ere long thrust a spear in His side.

Soon friends came and gently removed the thorn crown,
And drawing the nails took our blessed Lord down,
And the body that He as a sacrifice gave,
Was wound in clean linen and laid in the grave.

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The soldiers and Pilate then in council met
The grave was sealed and a guard was set.

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In the still, silent hush of that first Easter dawn,
A bright shining angel from Heaven had flown;
Coming straight to the grave where our blessed Lord lay
And breaking the seal rolled the great stone away.

Then the power of God came down in one mighty sweep,
The keepers like dead men all fell in a heap;
And our Savior came forth on that first Easter day,
Death's bars could not hold Him, He tore them away.

And He lives, hallelujah! and is reigning on high,
And is coming to take us where we'll never more die;
So we offer Him gladly our sweetest and best,
Rejoicing in hope of a home with the blest.

CHURCH ON FIRE FOR GOD

MISSION, Tex.—Greetings from the Rio Grande Valley. I want to say that God has His eyes turned toward the valley. Our little meeting that closed some time back was not altogether a failure. Four were saved, six sanctified, four were filled with the Holy Ghost and three were added to the dear old Church of God. Hallelujah!

Our dear Brother J. C. Coats, state overseer, wife and Sister Iredell Walker came down to the valley and we had the honor of Brother Coats bringing to us several messages direct from God which was food to our souls. How we all love Brother and Sister Coats here in the valley.

I am glad God is waking souls up to the fact and letting them see just how big a state Texas is, especially those that are on the harvest fields for God. I am praying that God will still let them see the Rio Grande Valley just as it is and they will hear the Macedonian cry, Come down and help us, souls, souls! Church of God saints, if you could only see the wonderful opportunity there is here in the valley for the Church to rise and shine I am sure you would fall on your knees and cry out to God as you never did before. There is not so much opposition here. We don't have as many false doctrines as there are in most places to contend with, thank God.

I am glad to report that the church is on fire for God here at Mission. We have a wonderful Sunday School. I will say here, you show me a church that hasn't a Sunday School and I will show you a dead church. On the other hand, you show me a church with a good lively Sunday School and I will show you a church on fire for God. Pray that God will send more laborers into His vineyard and that they will come this way.—Your humble servant, L. C. Pennington, pastor, Box 262.

CHURCH BUILT UP SPIRITUALLY

NOCATEE, Fla.—We have just closed a great meeting at the Church of God at Nocatee. We had Brother John Stephens, state overseer of North Carolina, with us for three weeks. We can say that we see many great results. We had five to come in and join our band for which we are proud. We do know that the church is spiritually built up by this series of meetings. Many that had grown cold and indifferent were redeemed, some of them at cottage prayer meetings and some out in the woods.

The writer will never forget one morning and the following evening. Our pastor, Brother John Padgett, stated one Saturday night that all the male members go to the woods Sunday morning to pray for the meeting. One young man that had lost his experience was in the crowd and the saints got burdened for him and all got to praying for him and in a little while he was gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost. In all my thirteen years of experience I've never felt the presence of God more real than it was that morning. We had a meeting that evening and another young man was gloriously reclaimed and baptized with the Holy Ghost. It is wonderful how the Lord will make His will real to us when we will let Him. We as a church do appreciate Brother and Sister Stephens and her sister, Dorothy David, for their three weeks with us. Their songs and words of cheer will last for ever with the church here.—Your brother, W. W. Hatton.

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PULPIT THOUGHTS

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself (self-will), and take up his cross and follow me."—Matt. 16:24.

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A hypocrite is a man or woman who is not right and wants every one to think he or she is right, but is not willing to get right.—Rev. Johnston.

In Foreign Fields

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

From The Bahamas

OFTEN you have been reading my little reports in the Evangel and others from foreign fields, and I know you understand that there is a responsibility that should be on every one of us. If you remember James 4:17 says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Many of our people know that the mission work is needed with many other things but they won't respond. Dear ones, we need to be doing all we know to do now, the time is short and we want to do what we can for the Lord.

Some folks work because they think they have to, but some work willingly. They know that God will bless them for it and it is joy to them to do it. They remember that "if ye know these things HAPPY are ye if ye do them." It pays to work for the Lord willingly. Willingly I write this because I know God will bless me.

Now I read Brother Latimer's trip to the West stating how we need help to get this good message or glad tidings to some folks that would like to have it and can't if we don't do what we know to do and have agreed to do. Then I come to my work here in the Bahamas seeing that if I had the money and the good prayers of our people how we could get this message to lots of hungry folks here. Come on, boys, and let us do what we can and then we will shout when we meet the Lord in the air.

I will now give a report of my trip to Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Island. Here I will say I was pleased with the trip and found the work going good there. I also went to Brother Franks' place, Coopers Town. Now folks, if you could see how both of these places were hit by the storm and how bad they need help you would no doubt cry a while then send what God has told you to.

I got to Green Turtle Cay but had no way to go to Brother Franks' place and back. This was several miles away. I was thinking it over and wondering. Soon some of the good boys on the big boat came to me and said, "We will carry you down there." I said, "Too good to be true." So they ran the boat down there and brought me back. They would have stayed over until we had service but Brother Franks was off sponging trying to get something to go on, and too, the church was blown down and he was trying to get a little money to put it up again or rebuild. I stayed a while and talked to some of the saints. They were proud to see me. I told them I would come another time. I think they lacked about six or seven pounds having enough to finish the church so I handed them two pounds and told them that if some of you good folks would send me some money I would send them some more, which I hope you will do soon.

We started back to Green Turtle Cay and got there for service that night. We had a good time. Well the church building top was gone and we had service in a private home that night. They had started to put the roof on and had gotten the material there on the ground and most of it up so early next morning Brother Auten was out going. Soon there was a crowd of men there at work and that night we had service in the church and oh! how God did bless.

We only stayed a few days there but God did bless us every service. Some came to the Lord. I told Brother Auten that I hated to give an altar call for I knew there were some hungry folks here who wanted to have a meeting and I did not have time to stay this trip for a meeting so I held up the altar call until Sunday. The Lord blessed so after I got thru preaching I looked and saw there were people falling down at their seats crying. Soon there were some going around praying while some were shouting. There were several who came thru to the Lord. Oh, such a good time we had! The reason for not starting a meeting was, I hated to get a meeting going and not stay with them but it started anyway. God can work, none can hinder. We are glad God knows best.

I will say that Brother Auten is on his job there. The folks like him and he likes the folks too. The work is going good. If the Lord is willing I will go there for a revival in June and I want you to pray for us while there that God will give us the victory and souls will come to the Lord.

Now these folks owe for this material they got for this church and if you good folks feel like sending anything to me for them do so and God will bless you. The work here is depending on us folks, what are we going to do? Come on, come on, put your money into something that will pay you, boys. We know God has a good bank and we soon will want to call on it so be sure you put something in it. Bye, Bye. I hope you won't say no.—The same boy, W. E. Raney, overseer of Bahama Islands.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.—2 Tim.

Work in Mexico

I am in receipt of a letter from Brother Roque Ortiz of Nogales Sonora, Mexico making formal application for membership in the Church of God with business headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., S. W. Latimer, General Overseer. This brother is a captain in the Salvation Army and is commanding officer of this unit affecting the work in Nogales, part of which is in the United States, the rest in Old Mexico.

Captain Ortiz has had the Baptism of the Holy Ghost for some time and has a congregation of over one hundred members in Nogales Sonora. The church is in accord with the stand he has taken and will come in with him. He decided with me for the Church of God some months ago on one of my visits there but could not arrange to make the change from the Salvation Army because of the awful financial crisis which he would face affecting not only his own family but many others whom he was called upon to minister to in material things in the relief work of the Army. But on learning that this brother had taken his stand for the Pentecostal doctrine and was leaning toward the Church of God the commissioner came around to see him and demanded that he take a definite stand one way or the other and he is casting his lot with us.

While this is a wonderful victory spiritually there is a temporal problem confronting us that will have to be dealt with immediately or else we are stumped again. The Mexican government has closed their services until they can conform to the rulings affecting churches wherein they are required to have their own building dedicated solely to religious use. They are not enjoying the freedom of worship they did a few weeks ago when I was there on my last visit with Brother Latimer and party, but are compelled to worship quietly in secret behind barred doors and windows for fear of the authorities. When a work is in the formation with only a few in attendance it may be carried on in this manner for a time without inviting any attention from the opposers, but this work has reached the stage where it requires a building in order to continue its existence. We are going to need a couple of hundred dollars of extra mission money very badly in the near future so every one please pray and give when called upon by those in authority. The time has come when we are going to have to get into action and do something or else back out and steadily retreat with the flag of truce flying. Then we will have to quit singing, We're all missionaries, doing all the good we can. But then we are not with the crowd that believes in retreating and we must go forward.—J. H. Ingram, Overseer of Mexico.

NOTICES

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could have the privilege of attending since Brother Newman went to glory. Let's do our best for the district convention, home coming day and for the dear Lord and His Church. I am doing my best to care for this church so I ask an interest in your prayers.—Mrs. W. M. Newman, Rt. 1, Kennedy, Ala.

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This certifies that my change from the Ludville, Ga. district back to West Florida district was not caused by any personal or financial dissatisfaction. I really enjoyed the pleasant stay with the folks at Ludville and Corinth and the longer I stayed the more attached I became to them, and the longer I stayed the harder it was to leave them, but as I felt the Lord leading, I asked relief from there as no one else had come to take this work. The change was made by permission of both state overseers. A Pentecostal preacher was here in Pensacola and preached for the church a good while and wanted to be accepted in the Church of God and the folks wanted him for pastor, but before I returned here he changed his mind and pulled out and opened a "free" mission just across the street, so please pray for us to keep sweet in our souls till God can give victory. He has set His seal on the church recently by many demonstrations of the Holy Ghost and power. We thank Him. Pray for the work in this district, also Ludville district. Brother V. E. Hooks of Woodstock, Ga. accepted that work. — Humbly yours, D. F. Baldree, 2 S. 10th Ave, Pensacola, Fla.

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The district convention of the Church of God of East Alton district will convene at East Alton, Ill., April 28, 29, 30. We expect delegates from outside the district. Everybody is welcome. Brother M. P. Cross, State Overseer, will be in charge.—Forest S. Ash, district pastor.

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WE NEED A GOOD REVIVAL. The Lord has helped me to get moved close to the church here where Brother A. L. Derry is pastor. He and his family are true Church of God material. Brooksville is a new field for the Church of God, and a needy place. We are praying for God to send us a good lively evangelist to gain precious souls for God. Pray for me that God will give me overcoming power till Jesus comes for His Bride.—Yours for Him and His Church, Wardie Mann, Brookville, Ind.

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If any one has the following songs, will you send me a copy of each? "Every day will be like Sunday on that shore," "Do you call that Religion," "Up-to-date Religion." I'll appreciate them very much.—Your brother in Christ, Wardie Mann, Brookville, Ind., Rt. 3.

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The Cockerell evangelistic party of Weatherford, Tex. (composed of evangelists, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cockerell, and Miss Martha J. Holbrook, pianist) have accepted the evangelistic work in Louisiana. Brother and Sister Cockerell are successful evangelists. Brother Cockerell has just closed a good revival in Bogalusa, La. and Sister Cockerell is having good success in a revival at Epps, La. They expect to go into new fields. Pastors, encourage missions so we can get into these fields. We have the workers, now come on with the funds to put it over. Can we count on you? If we are going to do anything, now is the time to do it. Please pray for Louisiana.—J. B. Cole, Overseer of La.

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To whom it may concern: This is to say that I, Grady Mays, do publicly acknowledge that I have in time past backslidden and did some things contrary to the Church and was excluded from the Church. Since then the Lord has taken me back and restored me to the joys of salvation. I have made restitution at the local church where I was excluded and I am now asking any person or persons whom I have or may have wronged or injured to please write me. I am ready to right every wrong.—Very respectfully, Grady N. Mays, Dixon, Miss.

SPECIALS

URBANA, Ill.—On Feb. 19 we began a revival here with heaven's blessings on us from the beginning. Souls began to pray thru at the first. On Feb. 28 Brother W. R. Anderson of Carrier Mills, Ill. joined us for twenty nights more. He surely did "preach the Word with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." There were at least twenty-five saved, twenty-three sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Pray for us.—Stanley Joplin, pastor.

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SARASOTA, Fla.—I am glad to announce that a new C. of G. Y. P. E. was organized at Nocatee, March 17, 1933 with twenty-one charter members. There seems to be a good interest in the services, and we believe more young people desire to join and will join when opportunity is offered. Pray for this Y. P. E. —C. Lester, president.

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W. FRANKFORT, Ill.—We are having a great revival here. Fire has been successfully handled and people are shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Several have been wonderfully healed of different troubles. People are coming from the north, south, east and west.The meeting has been running four weeks. Brother Carl Richard is doing the preaching. About thirty-six have been saved, twenty-seven sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church. We have a number of true, loyal, hard working members here who are willing and ready to do all they can to help people to God. Brother Luther Richard was with us in two services and preached for us, which was greatly enjoyed. Pray that many more souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Z. D. Simpson, pastor, 509 S. Locust St.

SALE CREEK, Tenn.—We are still on victory side and gaining ground here. We closed a three weeks' meeting here with fifteen saved, fourteen sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and nine added to the church. Pastor in charge.—Joe Porter, District Pastor.

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DONALSONVILLE, Ga.—Brother McDaniel of Ranger, Ga. saw my request in the Evangel of Feb. 4 and came to our rescue Feb. 22. He began a battle that night against Satan and has continued ever since with the exception of a few nights. He surely is a God sent man and doesn't fail to give us the good old time gospel. The results are: large crowds, good order, attentive listeners, and honest hearts seeking deeper experience in Christ. There are several workers living here and there in Seminole county and we go and help all we can, working in harmony but we have only six Church of God members with the preacher here yet. Pray that we will get a good, strong, lasting Church of God set in order soon.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. E. E. Carroll.

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We came to this community, about six or eight miles north of Sanderson, Fla., the first of the year and found a few saints holding on to God, having prayer meetings from house to house once a week. We fell in with them and the Lord began to work in a marvelous way. Seekers began to receive the Holy Ghost and saints were strengthened and drawn closer to the Lord. We got a large corn crib fixed up and on March 18 we began our revival in it, intending to make different arrangements later. Brother Joseph C. Thompson from Macclenny, Fla. in charge. The Lord met with us in the first service setting His approval on the meeting. Conviction seized sinners in a great way and they fell at the altar and prayed thru. To date four have been filled with the Holy Ghost, several sanctified and many are praying and agonizing with the Lord. Pray that many souls will be saved in this revival and the Lord's will be done.—J. S. White, Rt. 1, Box 58, Glen St. Mary, Fla.

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NEW CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA

We are glad to report that the Whittier Gospel Tabernacle at Whittier, Calif. has lined up with the Church of God unanimously accepting the teachings of the Assembly. The membership is not large but it is an old established work, formerly with the Aimee Semple McPherson movement. It is situated on one of the principal business streets of this thriving little city of 15,000 people in the midst of the great "Orange Empire" and not far from the Los Angeles corporation line.

They have a nice outfit of church furniture including piano and the seating which is on the theatre style. They have a nice little Sunday School and we believe the church has a bright future.This work was brought in thru the ministry of Brother C. B. Sanderson and wife.—J. H. Ingram, overseer of California.

REQUESTS

Dear Evangel readers, please pray a special prayer for Miss Elmer Owens. She has been afflicted for sometime. The doctor said she was in the last stage of T. B. We have been in the home and prayed for her and she is on the mend. Thank God! Pray that she will be completely healed and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. J. E. Ledford, Rt. 2, Clayton, Ga.

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This morning finds us still on the battle front fighting for truth and right. We are in a needy field and a hard one. We have the enemy to fight on every hand. Brothers and sisters who are not on the battlefield, wake up and pray as you never have prayed, for God's children surely are suffering for prayer and support. Please pray for us in this district this year. By God's help and the prayers of the churches we want to start evangelizing the district soon. Remember when you pray we need your prayers. If God's children don't begin praying it looks like the ministers will have to flee to the field to work for support. Pray that this district will rise and shine and God will give us many souls this year.—Humbly, J. E. Ledford and wife, district pastor, Rt. 2, Clayton, Ga.

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About ten or eleven years ago I. H. Brabson set a Church of God in order here but the church was thrown out about four or five years ago, leaving us few without a preacher. I had been cold and in a backslidden condition for a few years until last fall, I got back to the Lord. I have not heard a Church of God preacher in four or five years and oh, I am so hungry to hear one. I want everybody to pray for me and my family and that God will send a preacher here to preach the full gospel. There are unbelievers all around me and I have no one to encourage me. I am praying and I know God can and will answer prayers. May God bless every one of you. Be sure to pray for me.— Etta Blazer, Rt. 1, Parrottsville, Tenn.

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Please pray for my eight year old son. He has something wrong with his stomach and legs. They hurt him all the time. I know God can heal him. He believes God will heal him. Also pray a special prayer for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost. Please don't lay this aside until you have asked God to grant these two requests.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Belvie Back, Millstone, Ky.

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We ask you to pray for us before you lay this paper down. We are in a revival here in our new building on Main St. Two have been saved and the devil is really mad. Our pastor, L. F. Young, is in charge, assisted by Brother W. E. Wright.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Godfrey, Nettleton, Ark.

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Please pray for a revival which is in progress at Cliffview, Va. with the writer and Brother Buford Woolwine in charge. It began March 14 and we have had the devil to fight on all sides. The whole country is stirred. Nine have been saved to date, two sanctified and the altar is full of seekers. Pray for our success here.This is a place where the whole Word needs to be preached and put into practice.—W. H. Elmore, pastor, Galax, Va.

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We are having a hard pull in Lawton, Okla. I don't understand because it seems we are doing our best, but God knows. Job didn't understand why he had to suffer so, but we'll understand it better after while. His will be done, not ours. We are praying that God will visit us with His mighty power and many souls will be saved. Please pray for me as my health is bad. I have been healed several times and if it is God's will He can heal me again. He is able to heal all who have faith. We have a dear sister here who is very low. We have met several times and prayed but she seems to get no better. Please pray for her. She is a true saint and widow. Her name is Hurley. Please pray for us at Lawton.—Mrs. Celia Pippin, Rt. 1.

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Dear saints, please pray for Brother C. A. Goodrich, a brother in the Church of God, as he needs your prayers. He is down sick with T. B. and all his folks are unsaved and working against him. Pray that the Lord will heal him and save his loved ones.—Your brother in Christ, B. F. Clark, Joplin, Mo.

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Dear brothers and sisters, today my eight year old girl fell down on the side walk and cut her hand on glass, cut both arteries and leaders in two and it bled so much they took her to the hospital and had to take five stitches in the leaders and arteries and six on top. When they brought her home to me they told me it would be a miracle if she ever did use her hand again. I know God can heal for we have trusted Him ever since we have had the blessing. I am asking special prayer thru the Evangel. Ask God to heal her hand and He will get the glory.—Truly a sister in the Lord, Mrs. Henry Buchanan, Harlingen, Tex.

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Please pray a special prayer for my brother, Fermon Brown, in Franklin parish to be healed. I know the Lord can heal, and saints, please pray before you lay this paper down. I heard from him and they said if he didn't get better he wouldn't be here long. He has lung trouble. Pray for me and my family to do God's will.—Your humble sister under the blood, Mrs. Gertie Carroll, Jena, La.

KENTUCKY RIVER DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Church of God district convention was held at Hardburly Auditorium, Hardburly, Ky., Feb. 3, 4, 5, 1933 with Brother J. C. Jernigan in charge. The convention was opened Friday night by Brother Jernigan, state overseer. We had songs and prayer by the congregation. The welcome address was given by Brother J. W. Allen with response by Brothers B. Hall, F. R. Trotters and John Newton. We had concert prayer followed by a message by Brother G. Baker on "God's Standard of Holiness." Everybody was feeling good in the Lord. The service was dismissed with a prayer by Brother F. R. Harrawood.

Saturday morning, nine o'clock, the convention was continued with concert prayer and songs. A message was delivered by Brother G. B. Asher on "God's call to Man." After this we had a talk by Brother Waldon Asher on "God's Gift of Divine Healing." Saturday evening at two o'clock we opened service with songs and prayer followed by a talk by Brother J. Elleton on "Serving God in Beauty of Holiness." Following this was a message delivered by Brother J. W. Allen on "God's Dynamite against Satan's Kingdom." We were dismissed by Brother John Newton. Saturday night the service was continued with prayer and songs by the congregation. Following was a testimony meeting with Brother J. Dixon in charge. The Lord blessed wonderfully. A special message was then delivered by our state overseer, Brother Jernigan, on "The Church as a Building." The message was enjoyed by every one.

Sunday morning we opened service at nine o'clock. After prayer by Brother Jernigan and songs by congregation a message was delivered by Brother J. R. West on "A Minister and His Responsibility." This message was brought forth clearly and many good thoughts were given to the congregation with God in the midst.

Sunday afternoon we had concert prayer and songs by congregation. A special message was delivered by our district overseer, Brother F. R. Harrawood, on "Signs of the Time." This message was delivered with the power of God and was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. Sunday evening at seven o'clock the convention was continued with concert prayer and songs by congregation after which was a divine healing service with Brother Waldon Asher in charge. There were about fifteen people who gave themselves to the Lord for His divine healing. The Lord blessed them wonderfully. Following this was a message delivered by Brother Jernigan on "Two Appearings of Christ." During this message the power of God fell and the Holy Ghost began to work in the midst and a message in tongues was given by Brother Francis Newport and the interpretation by Brother John Newton. An altar call was given by Brother Jernigan and about twenty people fell in the altar crying out to God for mercy. No one prayed thru to victory. The convention was closed with prayer by Brother B. Hall.

There was a large crowd present thruout the convention and the Lord blessed wonderfully. We are praying that God will continue blessing and souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. We desire the prayers of God's children.—Hattie Davis, clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOUR

JESUS REBUKES SELF-SEEKING

TEXT: Mark 9:33-44.

TIME: Summer of A. D. 29.

PLACE: Capernaum.

GOLDEN TEXT: Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.—Rom. 13:10.

LEADING THOUGHT: A self-seeking spirit is not the Christ-like spirit.

THE DISPUTE WHO SHOULD BE GREATEST

Matt. 18:1-6; Luke 9:46-48

V. 33. "He came to Capernaum: * * * being in the house," where He often frequented when staying in Capernaum. He asked them, "What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way"? Jesus was interested that no misunderstanding should exist among His disciples.

V. 34. "They held their peace." Selfish ambitions are harmful, the poison of ambition is subtle unless subjected unto the will of God. Their selfish reasoning was silenced when questioned by their Master. True humility seeks not to be greater or dominate over others.

V. 35. "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." Selfish ambition must be abased to its usefulness as associated with others. Great men are in demand, but only as they may be of service unto others. The analogy demands that the greater bless the lesser. See Heb. 7:7; 1 Cor. 15:9; Mark 10:45.

A LITTLE CHILD

V. 36. "He took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms." He could have been in the house of Simon, this likewise was possibly the child of his. A child is the emblem of the purest of mankind as to its innocency. Their innocence, love, quick forgiveness and delight in obedience make them a fitting example of the kingdom of heaven. The child may be no purer than a redeemed saint, but it is void of the scars of sin and stubbornness developed in older persons' lives. See Matt. 18:6; Luke 9:46-48.

V. 37. "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name," possibly such in simplicity, innocence and humility. Those who extend offices of kindness unto them "receive me" and "him that sent me." A possible reference to divine favor bestowed upon any that come in His name, whether children, Christians or ministers.

The Church the guardian angel of children.—The care taken of these little ones may be regarded as among the tests of the sound state of any branch of the Church to which they have been so lovingly commended by her Lord; they, in outward shew, poor, helpless, weak, ignorant, having everything to learn—to the eye of faith, cleansed in their Redeemer's blood, waited upon and guarded by the highest angels, clad in the white robes of their baptismal purity, rich in invisible treasures, insensible to our poor outward world, and wrapped in a world unseen, and set forth as our example that we should become such as they. Of a truth, whether we contemplate them in their purity, or our Savior's "woe on such as cause them to offend," one would alike shrink from the duty of forming what is of so great price and yet so frail, but that a duty is laid upon us, yea, "woe is on us, if we do it not;" and it is not we alone who do it, but He who saith, "Whoso receiveth one such little child in My name receiveth Me;" He whose face their angels in heaven do always behold.—E. B. Pusey, D.D.

SECTARIANISM REBUKED

Luke 9:49-50

V. 38. "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name." This reference is perhaps not to a mere child, as a child would hardly "cast out devils." A child as referred to in the previous verse must be broadened to refer to any Christian as to his true Christian state. All Christians have true characteristics of a little child. "He followeth not us" would imply that this party was grown up and was exercising his own will. "Forbad him." John was surprised that others could do such, who had not been commissioned. John thought he should have followed them.

V. 39. "Jesus said, Forbid him not." Justin Martyr states that while exorcism as practiced by the Jews in "the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" often failed, that it "was eminently successful" when administered "by the name of the Son of God." It was certain that whoever worked a miracle in His name "can lightly speak evil of me," that is, they were in harmony with Jesus.

V. 40. In Matt. 12:30 Jesus used the reverse, saying, "He that is not with me is against me." He here reckons that "He that is not against us, is on our part." We are either against Him or for Him.

OFFICES OF KINDNESS REWARDED

V. 41. If he who gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, and out of regard for me, does well, and shall be rewarded of God, much more shall he be rewarded who casts out devils in my name. It is contrary to the spirit of Christianity to destroy Christian power or influence. Whatever kindness bestowed upon any Christian will be "rewarded."

V. 42. Here is a parallel. If kindness and labour bestowed upon one of Christ's little ones should merit reward of heavenly merit, it could but follow that injury in the form of offence would be met with a severe judgment of divine retribution. "Millstone * * * hanged about his neck." Literally, a stone so large as to require an ass to turn it. "Cast into the sea." Death is preferable to offending one of God's saints. What emphasis here and how reluctant we are to guard against offending other Christians and oftentimes our brother or sister in the church.

V. 43. The hand, the foot, or the eye represent any instrument which would induce a Christian to sin. Your own loved ones, your close personal friend, your position or whatever comes closest unto you in nearness may well be separated from you even at a great loss in this life, that if it hinder or prevent you from inheriting eternal life, by so doing you may enter life even as a cast-out or unfortunate from a worldly standpoint, you can well afford to separate from it. "Cut it off." Man's simply separating from you, that which will like Him, and that we are to know as we are known; further, that a "grain" as used in our illustration always yields true to nature. Consider John 12:24. Discuss healing and removal of sickness by Christ from the human family as a foretaste and assurance of resurrection. Discuss the raising of Lazarus and the widow's son.

Truth: If it be proven that Christ arose from the dead, then the fact and hope of the Christian's resurrection is likewise assured.

Application: Present death as a shadow (Job 24:17; Psa. 23:4; 44:19) which fleeth before the "Rising Sun of Righteousness" (Mal. 4:2).

CHURCH SET IN ORDER—25 MEMBERS

COEBURN, Va.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I want to praise our heavenly Father for the way He is blessing in this part of old Virginia. I began a battle against the devil at Ramsey, Va., Jan. 11. This was a Free Pentecostal church but the Lord worked in a marvelous way. There were seventeen saved, ten sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and we set a church in order with twenty members, and we got the preacher too.The Lord surely is blessing here. We were glad to have Brother J. W. Cress, the pastor from Norton, Va., with us a few nights, he brought some inspiring messages.

We have a Sunday School there now, also organized a Y. P. E. I want to say that we were glad to have Sister Mae Castle from Kingsport, Tenn. to hold a revival here at Coeburn, Va. The Lord saved three, sanctified two and filled one with the Holy Ghost. I believe all the saints were built up in the faith. I covet the prayers of all God's children.—Faithfully, R. H. Flinchum, district overseer.

SAINTS FAITHFUL IN REVIVAL

BOSWELL, Pa.—I feel that I should report thru the Evangel the revival which we held here in Boswell. I greatly enjoy reading the reports of revivals in the paper. It is a source of rejoicing to my soul to know how God is blessing people throughout this great land of ours. I feel that all Evangel readers have the same enjoyment in learning how God is blessing so I will add one more report to the many which have already been published.

The meeting began on Sunday night, Jan. 22 and ran for two weeks, closing on Feb. 5. God began to bless in the first service and continued to bless throughout the meeting. The altar was filled with seekers each night numbering from twenty-five to thirty. As a result of this meeting fourteen were saved, nine sanctified and six were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Some of these were backsliders who were reclaimed. We were glad to see them come back to the Lord and get the victory in their souls again. Many others were caused to consider and to think seriously about their soul.

Our district overseer, Brother J. A. Muncy, was with us for six nights and did the preaching. God blessed him and used him to give out some heart-searching facts for the people to consider. The special songs rendered by Brother Muncy's two sons, Rolly and Hillary, added much to the service and were appreciated. Another very important feature in the success of the meeting was the faithfulness of the saints. They assembled each night a half hour before service time and spent that time in prayer for God to bless the meeting. They were also faithful around the altar in helping the seekers to pray through.

We have a loyal body of saints here who are interested in the work and are standing behind the pastor in every way. The Church of God in Boswell stands in a unique position among the churches in Pennsylvania, at least, in the number of workers out on the field in the service of the Lord. There are Brother Robert Seyda and wife, state overseer of Montana; Brother Ralph Koshewitz and wife, pastor at Williamsburg, Pa; Sister Harriett Legg, working in the state of Maine; Brother Henry Stoppe, in charge of the work at Juniata, Pa. (his wife's membership is at Somerset, Pa.) and Brother William Gindlesperger and wife who are making arrangements to close up their home and go out in the work of the Lord.

Surely this little church is spreading itself out over a wide territory to help carry this glorious gospel to a lost and dying world. We are interested in our members who are on the field and are praying for their success. May God bless every one of them! God bless the great Church of God and make it a bright, shining light in this world! God bless the unsaved and bring them to a knowledge of the truth!

I feel the thrill of God's Spirit in my being as I pen these words of invocation. Praise His holy name! May there be a never ceasing stream of prayer ascending from the hearts of God's people like a "sweet smelling savour" in the nostrils of our God until the answer of His grace and power descends in a greater measure upon this sin cursed world in convicting sinners and bringing them to a knowledge of Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord.

So dear people of God, let us be true and faithful to the trust which He has left us, to scatter this gospel of redemption to all nations for a witness.—Sincerely yours, E. P. Kimball, pastor, 509 Stoney Creek St.

GLAD TO REPORT VICTORY

EDINBURG, Tex.—We are glad to report victory. Dear Brother Coats, our state overseer, has been with us. Oh that we had such a man with us so we could sit at his feet and learn. God gave us a wonderful service Sunday, Feb. 26. In the prayer service one was saved, one sanctified and one saved and sanctified in the night service. Eleven were at the altar. Five tarried for the Baptism. We surely do thank God for His mercy to the children of men. Pray for us.—B. C. Condron.

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THE HOLY GHOST MET WITH US IN EVERY SERVICE

Our Ranger district convention convened at Ranger, Tex., Feb. 17-19. God let His approval of the Holy Ghost be with us in every service. Friday night service began at seven-thirty. In the first prayer God wonderfully blessed. Song and prayer services were conducted by Brother John Moore. Brother O. B. Bolton brought a message on "Love." This message was enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning service began at ten-thirty. The Lord blessed Brother Coats in delivering a message on "The Different Phase of the Ministry." All the ministers said they meant to do more than ever before. Saturday afternoon song service began at two-thirty. After a good prayer we had a Bible study in which every one was deeply interested. Saturday night Brother S. W. Hamilton conducted the praise service. The way God did bless was beyond expression.The Ft. Worth quartet sang a song which was appreciated greatly. Brother R. E. Blackwood brought an interesting message on "The Lord Doing Great Exploits." This was enjoyed and he reminded us that the Lord is the same yesterday, today and for ever. The same wonderful exploits are being manifested today.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock we had songs and prayer. The glory of God came down. Sister Izetta Baker, Brother W. W. Smythers, Brother John Moore, and Brother Atkins gave some stirring talks on "Missions." We all have purposed in our hearts to do more for missions and be better missionaries. At eleven-thirty Brother Coats brought a message on "The Two Dispensations of the Church," one in the wilderness, the other, the New Testament church. This message was appreciated by every one. The Lord surely set His approval on this message.

After this service we had a temporal feast or a real good dinner. The good people of this district had prepared for all. There was plenty of good eats and everybody surely enjoyed it.

We met again at one-thirty and the churches reported. The Lord is blessing. None of the churches had any evil report to bring. At two-thirty the Church of God Y. P. E. had a program that seemed to encourage every one in this wonderful work. The writer was in charge. Sisters Coats, Winegar and Morris gave some wonderful talks on Willing Workers. Every one seems more enthused over this good work. The Lord surely sets His approval upon it.

Sunday night Brother Will Samuels conducted the praise service. My, the Lord blessed! Brother Foshee brought a soul stirring message on "The Crucifixion of Christ." This message made us to realize more fully the sacrifice that was made for our salvation. Conviction fell on the audience and several came to the altar. Some prayed thru to victory, others were greatly blessed. The convention closed with such a wonderful spirit of unity and love. We were all encouraged by God's divine power.—Your sister in Christ, Iredell Walker.

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LET US LABOR ON

I praise God from whom all blessings flow. I praise and thank Him for the wonderful revival that closed Feb. 8. The meeting was conducted by Sisters Alva Mae McClure and Bernice Meares of Tampa, Fla. Sister McClure surely delivered some wonderful messages and Sister Meares was appreciated as pianist. The church was filled to its capacity every night. The meeting began Jan. 15. God surely did bless in many wonderful ways. There were six saved, six sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. One little girl nine years old was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and is now a wonderful little altar worker. One boy who was seeking to be sanctified went to the barn to feed the horses, climbed up into a hay mound and went to praying. God opened the windows of heaven on him and glory flooded his soul and that night he came to church with a shine on his face. Most every one took notice too. We also praise God for a new church here in Meyersdale, Pa. The church was set in order Feb. 3 with eight new members and more to come in soon.

We thank God for the Y. P. E. with thirty-five members. Now we want every one who knows the worth of prayer to add this new church on your prayer list and pray that God will undertake in a mighty way. We are expecting to have another revival soon. We want to see the Church of God go over the top for Jesus here in Meyersdale, Pa.

We wish to say any one desiring a good evangelist and pianist will do well to get Sister Alva McClure and her helper, Sister Bernice Meares. Sister McClure is also a wonderful altar worker. We all learned to love them much and hated to see them go but there are others who need the gospel. We had to let them go but we are all praying that God will bless them and give them many souls for their labor.

Every one who reads this please pray for my wife and me. My wife was hurt in an auto wreck during the Assembly on the way from Chattanooga to Cleveland, Tenn. and suffers very much at times. I am suffering with rheumatism in my back. We are both trusting in God for our healing.—Yours for lost souls, Noble Stern, pastor, 110 Apple St., Meyersdale, Pa.

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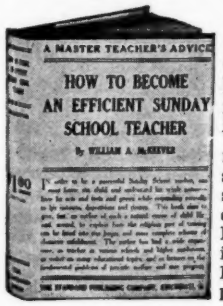

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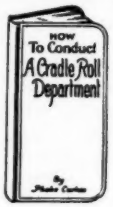

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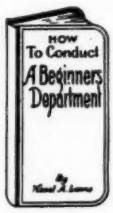

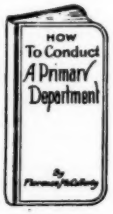

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THE CHURCH OF GOD IS MOVING ON

LINDALE, Ga.—On Jan. 8, 1933 Brother R. P. Johnson, state overseer of Georgia, began a meeting at this place which continued for three weeks. We surely had the enemy to battle with the first few services but after Brother Johnson preached a few times under the mighty power of God, Satan and his forces began to move back. The messages he brought forth from time to time were inspiring to our souls. We appreciate Brother Johnson for our state overseer. Many prayed thru to victory. One Sunday we had such a wonderful service we stayed all day and many stayed for the night service without going home. Sometimes while he was preaching the power and glory of the Lord would come in such mighty waves until there would be messages and interpretations given out and sometimes the power of God would slay a part of the congregation and the speaker too. Brother Johnson preached at Rome and Shannon on Sunday afternoon while here. He is a real man of God. It would prove a blessing if he could conduct a revival in every church in Georgia. We appreciate him as our overseer and enjoy working with a humble man as Brother Johnson.

The Church of God is moving on. There is such a spirit of unity existing among the people. Several said these were some of the most wonderful sermons they had ever listened to and that the church was built up and is in better condition than it has ever been in.

Brother Hubbell is at Rome, Ga. in a revival. Pray for the success of the meeting. We appreciate all our workers in the district. Brother Adams, the pastor at Rome, is a real man of God. He has a smile for every one and is loved by every member. Brother Griffin is the pastor at Cedartown. He is a fine spirited man. Brother Wesley Murphy is the pastor at Shannon and has a good band of people there and a new church building. He is a fine man and has such a good humble spirit. Every one appreciates him. We are looking for a wonderful revival in every church in the district this year and want Brother Johnson to hurry and come back again.—Humbly, J. R. Davis, Calhoun, Ga., Rt. 2.

11 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST, 13 ADDED TO CHURCH

We have just closed one of the best revivals ever held in the church here. Brother J. A. Bixler, pastor, was assisted by Sister Nettie Richards, evangelist and son, Ray, with his guitar. They rendered special music each night which was enjoyed by saint and sinner alike. Thirty-six were saved, thirty sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and thirteen added to the Church of God.

On next to the last Sunday night we observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. And how God did bless! He surely gave us a foretaste of heaven. There was singing, shouting, dancing, talking in tongues and much of God's power manifested. We were glad to have Sister Richards with us in this revival and hope she will be led to come again. She is a good evangelist and singer and God honors her labors every where.

We thank God for our good pastor too. He is laboring under all kind of difficulties but he stands up for the Church of God, preaches the full gospel and God blesses. Pray for us that we may as a church be overcomers.—An humble servant of the Master, Mrs. Avis Swiger, clerk, Salem, W. Va.

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Christ is tempted. He beginneth to preach. ST. MATTHEW, 4, 5.

13 ¶ Then cometh Jē'ṣus [r] from Gāl'ī-lee to Jôr'dạn unto Jōhn to be baptized of him.
14 But Jōhn forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?
15 And Jē'ṣus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to [s] fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.
16 And [t] Jē'ṣus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw [u] the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
17 And [v] lo a voice from heaven, saying, [w] This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

A. D. 25.

CHAP. 3.

[r] ch. 2. 22.
[s] Dan. 9. 24.
[t] Mark 1. 10.
[u] Isa. 11. 2. Luke 3. 22. John 1. 32.
[v] John 12. 28.
[w] Ps. 2. 7. Isa. 42. 1. Luke 9. 35. Col. 1. 13.

CHAP. 4.

13 And leaving Năz'ạ-rĕth, he came and dwelt in Cā-pēr'nạ-ūm, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zăb'u-lon and Nĕph'tha-līm:
14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Ē-ṣā'jas the prophet, saying,
15 The [a] land of Zăb'u-lon, and the land of Nĕph'tha-līm, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jôr'dạn, Gāl'ī-lee of the Ġĕn'tileṣ;
16 The [c] people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.
17 ¶ From [p] that time Jē'ṣus began to preach, and to say, [q] Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
18 ¶ And [r] Jē'ṣus, walking by the

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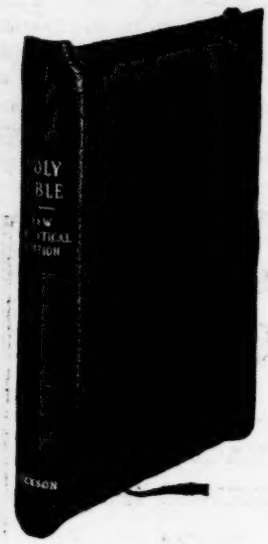

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HEARTS MADE TO REJOICE

On the 22nd of January we met for Sunday School and after we were ready to close there were some hungry hearts there that asked for prayer. The saints gathered around and began to call on the Lord. Three received the Holy Ghost.The revival spirit was on. The meeting continued for two weeks and oh, how the presence of the Lord did rest on each service. How our hearts were made to rejoice as people would come weeping to the altar. Many would go to the altar sinners and stay there until they were filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. There were eighteen saved, twenty-five sanctified and twenty-five filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty new members came into the church and four came in by letter.

We, the church here at Moorhead, praise the Lord for sending Brother Earl Brewer here for pastor. He really believes in letting God have His way. He did the preaching in the revival. If people will pray and live the life God will really come on the scene.

We have a faithful band of saints here. We are proud of our Sunday School. Since the revival it has increased from fifteen to fifty-four members. We have been able to organize a young people's Bible Class since Brother Brewer came here in November. There have been twenty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank the Lord for every thing that has been done and ask the saints to pray for us.—Sisters E. Viner and A. M. Wasson, Moorhead, Miss.

WONDERFUL DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD

The Birmingham and Dora districts convention was held at Sumiton, Ala. Feb. 9, 10. We surely did have a wonderful time. The presence of the Lord was felt throughout the entire meeting. There were many good reports concerning the work of the churches in these districts. Brother Murphy, our district pastor, surely did preach a wonderful sermon. We were all made to see the need of finding our place and working. Brother W.W. Harmon, our state overseer, was in charge of the meeting. We thank the Lord for sending a man like him to Alabama. We surely are proud of him. There was one afternoon devoted to questions and answers. Brother Harmon surely did handle the questions fine. We learned many good things.

The Y. P. E. is doing good work in Alabama. Each church in these districts was represented with a good program by the Y. P. E. Brother Colon Dunn, our state superintendent, was in charge assisted by the writer who is district superintendent of the Y. P. E. We surely had some fine singing. We are proud of the way the Lord is blessing the young people in Alabama. All who read this pray that the Lord will continue to bless in Alabama.—Your brother in His service, John D. Raynor, Empire, Ala.